

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 11:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2754 - Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY04 (*Rules*)

H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 6 - Energy Policy Act of 2003 (*Rules*)

Conference Report on H.R. 2754 - Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY04 (*Rep. Hobson / Appropriations*) (Subject to a Rule)

Conference Report on H.R. 6 - Energy Policy Act of 2003 (*Rep. Tauzin / Energy and Commerce / Science / Ways and Means / Resources*) (Subject to a Rule)

Possible Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 2673 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY04 - **Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees**

Suspensions (17 Bills):

- 1) H.Res. 411** - Expressing the sense of the House that John Wooden should be honored for his contributions to sports and education (*Rep. Lewis (CA) / Education and the Workforce*)
- 2) H.Res. 391** - Congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men`s tennis team for its successful season (*Rep. Johnson (IL) / Education and the Workforce*)
- 3) H.R. 1006** - Captive Wildlife Safety Act (*Rep. McKeon / Resources*)
- 4) H.R. 1204** - To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties (*Rep. Souder / Resources*)
- 5) H.R. 1651** - Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003 (*Rep. Radanovich / Resources*)
- 6) H.R. 2907** - Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003 (*Rep. Renzi / Resources*)
- 7) H.R. 280** - National Aviation Heritage Area Act (*Rep. Hobson / Resources*)
- 8) S. 254** - Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act of 2003 (*Sen. Akaka / Resources*)
- 9) H.R. 1189** - To increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (*Rep. Faleomavaega / Resources*)
- 10) H.Con.Res. 313** - To urge the President, on behalf of the United States, to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in recognition of his significant, enduring, and historic contributions to the causes of freedom, human dignity, and peace and to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Holiness` inauguration of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church (*Rep. Sensenbrenner / Government Reform*)
- 11) H.R. 2130** - New Bridge Landing Post Office Redesignation Act (*Rep. Garrett / Government Reform*)
- 12) S. 1718** - Senator James B. Pearson Post Office Designation Act (*Sen. Roberts / Government Reform*)
- 13) S. 867** - Ronald Reagan Post Office Building Designation Act (*Sen. Burns / Government Reform*)
- 14) H.Con.Res. 69** - Expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her ground breaking achievements in athletics and her commitment to ending racial discrimination and prejudice within the world of sports (*Rep. Rangel / Government Reform*)
- 15) H.Con.Res. 320** - Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of motorsports (*Rep. Feeney / Government Reform*)
- 16) H.R. 3287** - To award congressional gold medals posthumously on behalf of Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine, Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson (*Rep. Clyburn / Financial Services*)
- 17) H.R. 3491** - National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act (*Rep. Lewis (GA) / House Administration*)

Postponed Suspension Votes (2 Bills):

- 1) H.R. 3300** - Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act (*Rep. LaTourette / Government Reform*)

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- 2) **H.R. 1274** - To direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county (*Rep. Dooley / Transportation and Infrastructure*)

Berkley Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to reject the House provisions that require the Medicare program to compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits by 2010 and reject the Senate provisions that would establish an alternative payment system for preferred provider organizations in highly competitive regions. The motion also instructs conferees to accept the House provisions that would provide increases in Medicare payments to doctors for the next two years.

Kennedy (RI) Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2660 - Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY04. The motion instructs conferees to insist on the highest funding levels possible for nutrition programs for seniors as authorized by the Older Americans Act.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2754 - Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY04 (*Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report. Conference reports are not subject to amendment.

H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 6 - Energy Policy Act of 2003 (*Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report and provides that the conference report be considered as read. Conference reports are not subject to amendment.

Conference Report on H.R. 2754 – Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY04 (*Rep. Hobson- Appropriations*) (Subject to a Rule). The conference report provides \$27.3 billion for FY04, which is \$1.19 billion above the amount appropriated in FY03. This bill includes: \$22.04 billion for the Department of Energy (\$3.45 billion for DOE science programs; \$8.7 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration; \$6.6 billion for DOE environmental management cleanup activities; \$426 million for renewable energy programs; \$301 million for nuclear energy programs; \$580 million for the Nuclear Waste Program); \$4.6 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers; \$948 million for the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation; and \$229 million for several Independent Agencies.

Conference Report of H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2003 (*Rep. Tauzin/Energy and Commerce / Science / Ways and Means / Resources*). This bill is the first overhaul of national energy policy in more than a decade. This bill repeals consumer protection rules, contains controversial environmental provisions and provides \$23.5 billion in tax breaks to energy producers including: \$11.9 billion to encourage oil and gas production; \$2.5 billion for “clean coal” programs; \$2.2 billion in incentives for alternative motor vehicles; and \$1.8 billion for the electric power industry and other businesses. In addition, it authorizes \$18 billion in loan guarantees for a natural gas pipeline from Alaska; more than doubles ethanol production over the next decade; provides liability protection for MTBE producers; and repeals the Public Utilities Holding Company Act (PUCHA).

Although this bill creates new “reliability” organization and rules, other provisions included in the bill may actually deter investment in the transmission grid and regional coordination and planning (a lack of adequate transmission infrastructure and poor coordination are cited as possible causes of the August blackout). Regarding environmental concerns, this bill postpones ozone attainment standards across the country, provides immunity to MTBE producers, exempts all construction activities at oil and gas drilling sites from coverage under the runoff requirements of the Clean Water Act, and weakens environmental review during the hydroelectric relicensing process.

Daily Quote...

“It's the 'Leave No Lobbyist Behind Act.' It's terrible they are putting all that stuff in there. It's like an Iranian bazaar.”

- Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), regarding the Energy Conference Report, as quoted in *CQ Today* on Monday